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Harbor Homes grateful for job offers to vets

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Just as the year was winding down, **Harbor Homes**, with the assistance of The Telegraph, made an appeal to the community to help veterans in our Veterans FIRST transitional housing program find employment.

Once again, this generous community did not disappoint. Thanks to community response, 28 formerly homeless veterans have been connected to employment. For some, it is just a few hours a week, but for all, it is a step in the right direction.

Employment is a critical component enabling the veterans we work with to gain skills, rebuild their self-esteem, and meet the requirements of staying in the transitional housing program we operate.

It is difficult to express the gratitude of the individuals that now have taken vital steps in regaining their independence.

The Veterans FIRST housing program is not permanent housing. It is a safe place for homeless, honorably discharged veterans to live and put their lives back in order.

It is a program that helps them solve the issues that brought them to homelessness and regain the skills and confidence to again live productive lives.

The willingness to help and compassion displayed by so many was truly touching. Our clients are often down on their luck and come to us as a last resort. They are dealing with challenges but want to change their lives.

Hiring a veteran is good for our community and an act of faith. These men and women have many skills but just need a second chance.

For total strangers to answer a call for help is a reminder that they have not been forgotten. To all those that answered our call: thank you.

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
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